

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

1. Claims 33-35 were indicated as being allowable.
2. Claims 7 and 52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.
3. Claims 43-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fishkin (USP 6,243,075).
4. Claims 1, 4-9, 13-16, 27, 30-32, 36-37, 39-42, 47-54 and 58-62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fishkin in view of Yates (USP 6,225,976).
5. Claims 10-12, 17-26, 38, 55-57 and 63-64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fishkin and Yates, and further in view of Sawada (USP 6,441,811).

Allowable Claims

Claim 33 has been recast into independent form. Claims 33-35 have been indicated as being allowable.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 7 and 52 have been amended to replace “cantilever” with bend.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

With regard to independent claim 1, Applicant concedes that Fishkin teaches use of a deflectable display. But Applicant’s claims are not directed to just any use of a deflectable display. Rather, Applicant is claiming the presentation of paginated content in

combination with the deflectable display. According to Applicant's claims, the deflectable display enables a portion of a computer device (such as the display or peripheral attachment of a PDA or other computer device), to be deflected in order for the user to flick through pages electronically presented on a display. This is intended to imitate how readers bend traditional paperbacks to flick and flip through pages. None of the references cited by the Examiner tie in the use of a deflectable display and page flicking.

In addition, as amended, claim 1 recites the step where the processor is configured to use the deflection value to determine at least a rate at which at least portions of individual pages in the plurality of pages are presented in a sequence on the display. None of the cited references contain any teaching as to a deflection of a display being used to set a rate at which portions of individual pages are presented.

With regard to independent claim 17, Applicant reiterates the arguments above, and notes the following language in the amended claim: "and *based on the deflection value*, the processor *sequentially* presents at least portions from one or more pages in the identified set of pages on a first area of the display." None of the cited references teach a limitation of a deflection value being used to sequentially present portions of pages on a display.

Applicant believes independent claim 27 is allowable for reasons stated above. But additionally, claim 27 has been amended to recite this step: "displaying at least portions of the multiple pages sequentially over an interval of time at *a rate determined at least in part by the deflection...*" The added limitation is absent from the cited references.

Claim 33, which was indicated as being allowable in the previous Office Action, has been recast into independent form. All limitations from claims it previously depended from have been included in the recast claim.

Applicant submits that independent claim 37 is allowable for reasons stated above. Among other limitations, the amended claim states that "the processor uses the

deflection value to determine which pages from the plurality of pages to sequentially display on at least a portion of the display.” The cited references do not teach a processor using a deflection value to arrange pagination, let alone to select which pages are to be displayed.

For independent claim 38, Applicant reiterates the arguments made above and also notes that the claim is to a peripheral device that is defelectable and in communication with another computer on which paginated content is displayed. The cited references do not teach this limitation. Of note, there is no “analog input device coupled to the processor of the handheld computer via the communication port,” in the cited references. Furthermore, the determination of proximity for the subsequent page is based on the deflection value. This limitation is not taught anywhere in the cited references.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections because the association between deflecting display/sensor and page flicking or selection is not taught in the cited references. In addition to the absence of this element, the independent claims include other limitations that are distinguishable from the references on record.

In particular, independent claim 39 recites “sequentially displaying at least portions of the multiple pages at a *rate determined at least in part by the deflection* of the display.” This limitation is absent from the cited references.

Independent claim 43 recites the a deflection value indicates a value that the processor uses to *select* one or more pages to appear as content on the display.

Among other differences, independent claim 47 recites that the processor sequentially presents portions of pages “at a rate ... based at least in part on the deflection value.”

Independent claim 62 recites that the deflection value “corresponds at least in part to the proximity of the subsequent page to the current page.” This association between the deflection value and the paginated content is absent from the cited references.

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For all of the reasons stated, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

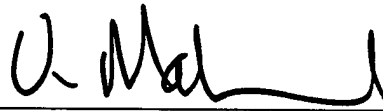
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentable over the art of record. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is requested by Applicants. Applicants urge the Examiner to telephone Applicants' attorney at (408) 551-6632 if any issues remain that preclude allowance of the application. The Office is given permission to charge any unpaid fees to Applicants' deposit account (50-1914).

Respectfully submitted,

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